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TAGS: OEXC, MP (APPASSAMY, YVES)

SUBJECT: 1974 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM - PARTIAL GRANT

REF: STATE 185439

1. REGRET DELAY IN REPLYING REFTEL BUT SUBJECT ONLY JUST RETURNED FROM GATT MEETING TOKYO. BOTH HE AND POST PLEASED PARTIAL GRANT HAS BEEN APPROVED.

2. APPASSAMY'S TRAVEL TO AND FROM U.S. BEING PAID BY GOM IN CONNECTION WASHINGTON CONFERENCE BEING SPONSORED BY CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL, WHOSE HEADQUARTERS BRUSSELS. THIS CONFERENCE TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 2.

3. IF POSSIBLE, APPASSAMY WOULD LIKE PARTIAL GRANT PRIOR THIS MEETING, WITH ARRIVAL WASHINGTON O/A OCTOBER 15. PART OF FIRST WEEK COULD BE SPENT IN LOOKING INTO CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AT MAJOR U.S. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OF ENTRY. MOST PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY CUSTOMS HERE IN MAURITIUS, INCLUDING NARCOTICS SMUGGLING, OCCUR IN CONNECTION AIR ARRIVALS THIS COUNTRY.

4. APPASSAMY DID DEMONSTRATE SOME CONCERNS OVER KEEPING GUARD MAURITIAN COASTLINE. PORTION OF PROGRAM MIGHT BE DEVELOPED AROUND THIS SUBJECT, ALTHOUGH IT IS SENSITIVE ONE, IN THAT EXPOSURE TO THIS ASPECT OF CONTROL COULD TOUCH ON POSSIBILITIES OF SUBSEQUENT MAURITIAN REQUESTS FOR PATROL BOATS, ETC.

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5. APPASSAMY ALSO INTERESTED IN POLICE/NARCOTICS DRUG DETECTION

PROCEDURES, INCLUDING MODERN, MOST SOPHISTICATED TECHNIQUES.
VISIT TO BUREAU OF NARCOTICS RECOMMENDED. GRANTEE EXPRESSED NO
PARTICULAR GEOGRAPHIC PREFERENCES; GIVEN LIMITED TIME IN U.S.,
EXTENSIVE TRAVEL MIGHT BE PRECLUDED. HOWEVER, TRAVEL TO AT LEAST
ONE SEA PORT RECOMMENDED.

6. NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS. GRANTEE INTERESTED IN SPORTS AND
WOULD ENJOY SEEING AMERICAN FOOTBALL GAME. ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHI-
CAL INFORMATION BEING FORWARDED AS ENCLOSURE TO PORT LOUIS A-205,
TO BE DISPATCHED 9/28.
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